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Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

December 6, 2011

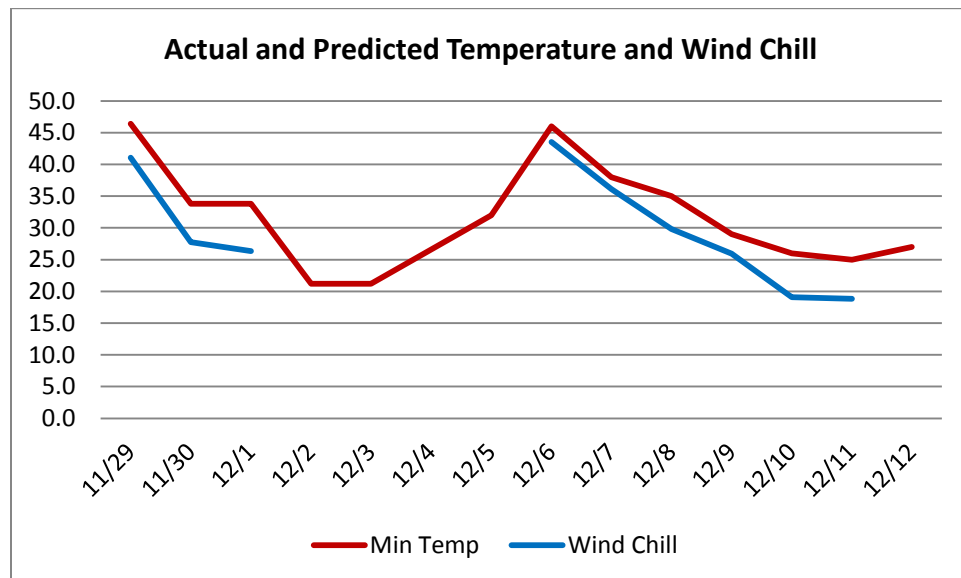
Reporting for November 29 through December 5, 2011

This information is used to make a Cold Advisory but is not a Cold Advisory in itself.

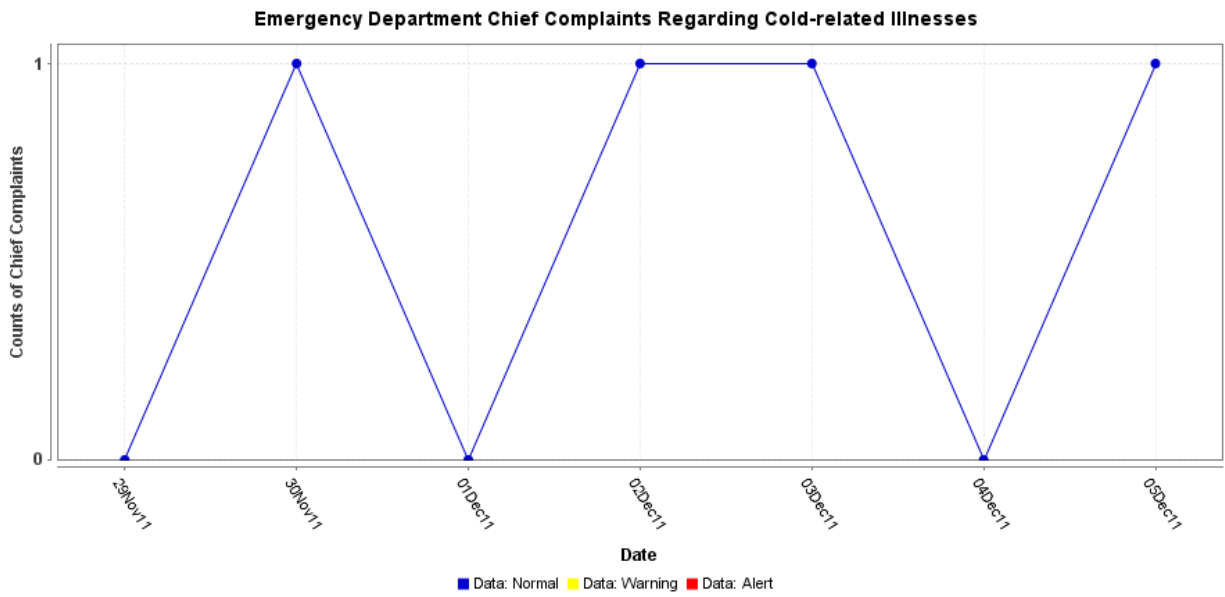
National Weather Service Forecast: Winter Storm Watch in effect for Garrett and Allegany Counties for 12/7 through 12/8.

Cold Advisory Declared This Week: None

Total Cold Advisories Declared: 0



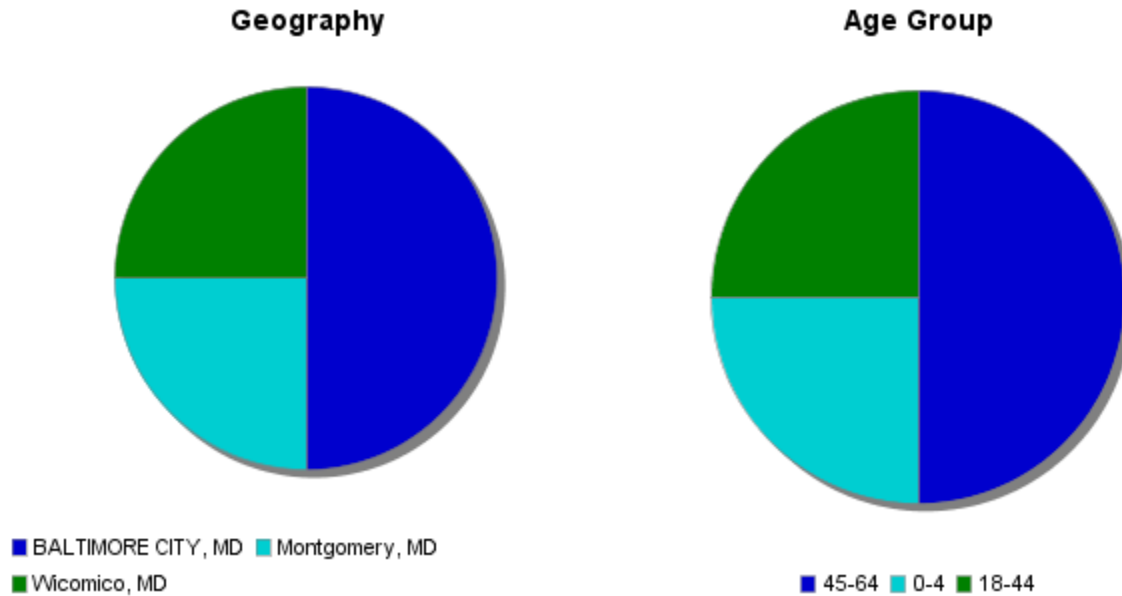
Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below -5°F and wind speeds above 3 mph



Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses
November 29	0
November 30	1
December 1	0
December 2	1
December 3	1
December 4	0
December 5	1

There were no chief complaint clusters identified during the week.

Geographical and Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness for November 29 through December 5, 2011



**There were no cold-related deaths during the past week.
There have been a total of 4 cold-related deaths since October 2011¹.**

Total Number of Cold-related Deaths	Jurisdiction [#]	Age Group	Sex	Underlying Condition?
4	Montgomery*	65+ years old	Male	Yes
	Harford*	45-64 years old	Male	Yes
	Wicomico*	45-64 years old	Male	Yes
	Allegany*	65+ years old	Male	Yes

[#]Refers to the jurisdiction where the cold-related death occurred

*This death occurred between October 1st and November 28th.

Cold Advisory Criteria: A Cold Advisory will be made for wind chill factors of -5°F or less. We may issue a Cold Advisory for combinations of conditions such as low temperature,

¹DHMH's Cold Plan begins reporting on December 1st, the previous death data included in this report is for informational purposes only

extended cold waves and precipitation. Criteria are based on National Weather Service guidelines.²

Note: The cold report will be released on Tuesdays, with the reporting period being the previous Tuesday through Monday.

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² NWS Wind Chill Factor Chart: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/windchill/>